

Yun, Joseph

From: Deardorff, Natalia
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Subject: FW: Prop 84 meeting

Hi Joe -
 Here are some comments on prop 84 from the san jacinto watershed council...

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Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2007 4:11 PM
To: Deardorff, Natalia
Subject: re:Prop 84 meeting

Natalia,
 It was really nice seeing you this past week. Did you get a chance to look at the Project form I gave you that we are distributing to stakeholders for use in our plan? Any suggestions or comments on the form?

Also, I wanted to make a few other comments that you can share with Tracie and Joe on the Prop 84 grant process.

1. Most of the Prop 50 Planning grants like the San Jacinto River Watershed Councils' have deadlines of 3/08 for completion. I suspect most will have pretty good draft documents by 12/31 or 1/31/08. It seems that the intent would be to time the next round of grants so that all the plans put together in the last cycle would be eligible on the next one-the timing is pretty close. Tracie mentioned 12/31/07 in meeting I think-one more month and you'd probably have a few more completed!

2. If possible-consider something -somewhere for the little guys-the small non-profits have a difficult time doing "mega-grant submittals" yet I think the "spirit" and intent of many issues in watersheds are local and grassroots oriented. Small entities-non-profits need to be able to compete on very limited budgets. I also think the small non-profits are more likely to have better tie ins with disadvantaged community issues. The big guys only look at the disadvantaged communities as a means to get funding for the most part. With that said-there are some exceptions like Quail Valley where they are linked together closely.

3. Will SAWPA's success on the Implementation grant preclude the Watershed Council and others from going after planning grant funds?

4. Time will tell if the "SAWPA BIG tent-one watershed approach will work." The reality is-Celeste has to convince the SAWPA Board to share and play nice with others which they have never done before-Thus you had three grants in the last planning process go it on their own. I think it begs the question Larry Kinney asked which is how will the SAWPA funding be allocated? How influential will the SAWPA Board be in deciding who's projects get included? My personal preference would be to let everyone send pre-proposals in on individual projects-let you decide which are competitive and worthy. Then see if the ones that are left are able to work together to pull together into a regional grant? If not they go it alone.

Seems to me to be a fairer more equitable way of doing it keeping some of the big players out of the deciding process on which projects are worthy.

For what its worth.

Pat
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